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News Briefs

Commander's Call

Twelfth Air Force commander's call is 2 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Base Theater. For more information, call the CAG at 8-0540.

Cookie Caper

The Twelfth Air Force Holiday Cookie Caper project is accepting cookies until noon Dec. 16 at Bldgs. 12, 70 and 74. Homemade or store bought cookies are accepted. All donations will be delivered by Lt. Gen. William Hobbins, 12th Air Force commander, to the 12th Air Force forward operating locations on Dec. 18.

For more information, call Ms Pat Peterson at 8-2312 or TSgt McKee at 8-3655.

Monthly ceremony

Twelfth Air Force's monthly awards and promotion ceremony is 10 a.m. Dec. 31 in the Battlestaff Conference Room in Bldg. 12.

Honorees need to be in place by 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 12 AF/PA at 8-6053.

Food drive challenge

The 612th Air Communications Squadron is challenging all other 12th Air Force staff to a food drive to restock the DM Food Locker run by the Family Support Center. The food drive will run through Dec. 20.

The unit or agency that collects the largest volume of items to donate to the DM Food Locker will receive due recognition (still TBD) as well as a photo in the *12th Edition*.

The only guideline is that items must be voluntary donations from personnel within the unit and collected at a location within the unit.

For more information or if any additional rules/guidelines need to be stipulated, please call Col. Wayne Scott at 8-2102.

U.S., Ecuador SFS conduct joint patrol

By TSgt. Karin Wickwire
12th Air Force Public Affairs

In the effort to provide increased security and strengthen international working relationships, security forces from the 478th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, Forward Operating Location Manta, Ecuador, and the Ecuadorian Air Force (FAE) are conducting joint patrols.

The primary purpose of the Joint Host National Patrol is to provide increased security through joint patrols of the base perimeter, the FOL operating areas and base areas, according to Maj. Jhon Bolivar Merino Berreno, FAE commander of the defense group of the combat wing No. 23.

An additional benefit is the enhanced coordination of joint security operations, the major explained.

They have also helped establish a solid working foundation between the U.S. Air Force's and the FAE's security operations, added SSgt Gary Lewis, a security forces supervisor deployed to the 478th EOS.

"The joint patrol allows for our respective services to blur the lines, so to speak," said SrA Errol Vidal, a security forces member deployed to the 478th EOS. "We



U.S. Navy PHC Johnny Bivera

Ecuadorian Security Force personnel Cabo First Harry Garcia of Guayaquil, Ecuador, (right) and U.S. Air Force SSgt. Gary Lewis of Tampa, Fla., check the security lock of a gate during a perimeter patrol at Forward Operating Location Manta.

are able to eliminate any misperceptions by working closely with them. This has helped strengthen the relationship between the two countries, through friendship and

trust, allowing for a better work environment for everyone."

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Project Smiley Face

SSgt. Oscar Ingalls, NCOIC, 2/3 Battalion Tactical Air Control Party, 1st Air Support Operations Group, Ft. Lewis, Wash., delivers Project Smiley Face Kits to 12th Air Force Headquarters during a recent visit to Arizona. More than 550 Project Smiley Face Kits, which include a washcloth, safety pins, a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb and soap, were developed by a boy scout troop in Washington as a humanitarian project to be sent to South America.

TSgt. Karin Wickwire

Mentoring the 12th AF way

By MSgt. Rudy Pino

612th Theater Operations Group

As the Air Force continues its transformation the Twelfth Air Force Top 3 leads the charge by helping prepare our future leaders through its mentorship program.

The Twelfth Air Force Top 3 Mentorship Program is working hard on how to train, educate, and promote our junior enlisted force.

Under the direction of CMSgt. Gary Coleman, 12 AF Command Chief, and MSgt. Rudy Pino, 12 AF Top 3 Mentorship Committee Chairman, the committee provides all 12 AF NCOs and airmen with practical leadership and supervision training required to be effective leaders in today's Air Force. This critical information is provided through quarterly Mentorship Sessions.

During each of the sessions, the committee uses local support agencies and authorities, followed by a visit with the current or a former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.

This year alone, 12 AF NCOs and airmen have had the honor of being mentored by retired CMSAFs Eric



SSgt. Lanie McNeal

Benken, Thomas Barnes, Paul Airey, Gary Pfingston and the current CMSAF Gerald Murray. Each session provided more than 50 NCOs and airmen with critical and up-to-date career information.

The 12 AF Mentorship goal of providing continuous training and development to our most important asset, our people, has been a total success!

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The closer working relationship gained through the joint patrols has been beneficial to both countries.

"We have gained a better understanding of where each country is coming from [on security issues], in the hopes that we can learn and implement different techniques and strategies for effectively protecting our resources," said SSgt. Lewis. "We are also able to take advantage of their local knowledge of the base, since they are more familiar with some of the local personnel working in and around the base."

From the FAE's viewpoint, the benefits gained involve training.

Our security forces have received training in several areas, including how to operate security force control center (SFCC) equipment, learning more about communication systems, and security refresher training, according to Major Merino.

The training hasn't been limited to the host nationals. For the Americans, the learning hasn't just been the impromptu language lessons that happen during the joint patrols.

"We have learned that although they are from a different country, their operations and security tactics are not that much different from ours," explained SSgt. Lewis. "There is sometimes a language barrier but their objective remains the same as ours – to effectively protect our resources."



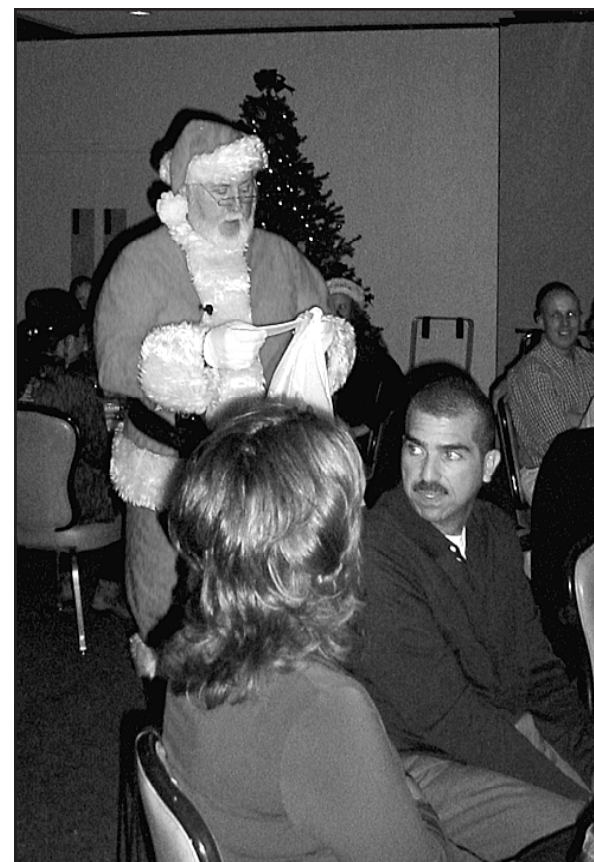
12 AF Holiday Party

The 12th Air Force Holiday party was Dec. 6 at the Officers Club. More than 200 people attended the party, which served a family style turkey and ham dinner and had several games and sing-alongs.

Left: Pat Peterson, 12 AF commander's secretary, and Cindy Lukenic share a laugh as Pat demonstrates the holiday spirit of giving by lending her holiday socks to participants in the Holiday Scavenger Hunt Game.

Right: Santa Claus, a.k.a. Mike Giles, draws names for door prizes.

Photos courtesy of the CAG



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SALUTE!

Congratulations to 12th AF warriors who recently were – or soon will be – promoted to the rank indicated and those who were recently awarded medals recognizing their accomplishments

Promotees

Airman 1st Class

Alade Joiner, Keenan Modica,
Angel Peraza, Erica Williams

Senior Airman

Timothy Alumbaugh, Ricardo
Ortega

Staff Sgt

Cynthia Pippin, Regina Plante,
Travis Sampson, Ruben Torres

1st Lieutenant

Matthew Sattler

Major

Gregory Soukup



Colonel

Mark Tapper

Medal Recipients

Meritorious Service Medal

TSgt. Jeanine Nichols

AF Commendation medal

Capt. Pamela Grover (1st OLC)
Capt. Sharhonda Woods (1st OLC)
TSgt. Stephen Scheidt (2nd OLC)

AF Achievement Medal

SSgt. Merissa Mueller (2nd OLC)

Top of the 12th

Teresa DeCoste is a legal assistant for 12th Air Force Legal.

“Teresa is the nerve center of this office,” said Col. Joseph Heimann, Staff Judge Advocate, 12th Air Force. “She does whatever it takes to get the job done. We’d be lost without her.”

Years of service: less than 1 year.

Hometown: Mauston, Wisc.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

Provide legal assistant support for the Staff Judge Advocate and staff attorneys, prepare case files and perform legal research to ensure correct legal formats, phraseology and terminology.

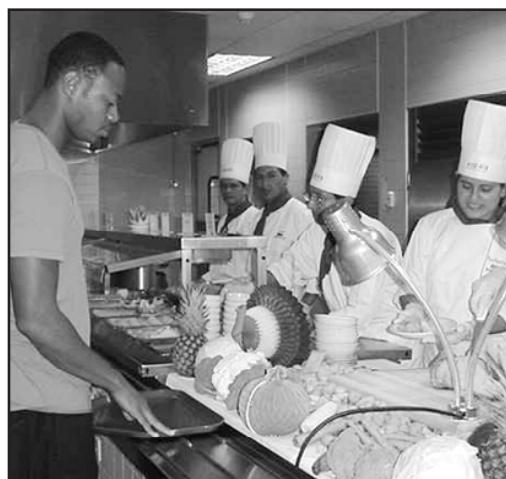
Favorite aspects of D-M: The working environment and the weather.

If you could change one thing to improve D-M, what would it be? The seasonal traffic.

What motivates your winning attitude? My family.



Ms. DeCoste



Thanksgiving

SSgt. Malcom Brown, KC-135 Crew Chief, is served turkey by the 478th Expeditionary Operations Squadron dining facility staff during FOL Manta's Thanksgiving celebration.

Courtesy photo

Quarterly Award Winners

Airman

SrA Rebecca Lanagan

NCO

TSgt. Alphonso Carrasco

SNCO

MSgt. Tereca Dye

Senior Civilian

Thomas Waddell

Controller of the Month

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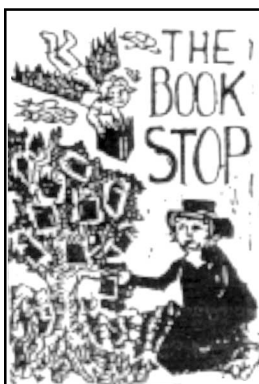
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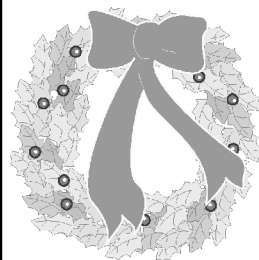
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